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THE  
ENFORCERS  
ARE BACK!

DEADLIER THAN EVER!

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# PETER PARKER THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN



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WHO?

IS THE MYSTERIOUS  
MASTERMIND BEHIND  
THIS MURDEROUS ATTACK?



While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the arachnid's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!**

# AGAIN The ENFORCERS!

THE TIME: MIDNIGHT--WHEN MOST DARK DEEDS ARE DONE!

THE PLACE: A LONG ABANDONED WAREHOUSE IN LONG ISLAND CITY!

GIVE IT TO 'IM AGAIN, FANCY DAN!

WIT DA GREATEST PLEASURE, MONTANA!

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AIN'T  
DEAD!

BUT  
SPIDER-  
MAN'S  
GONNA  
BE--

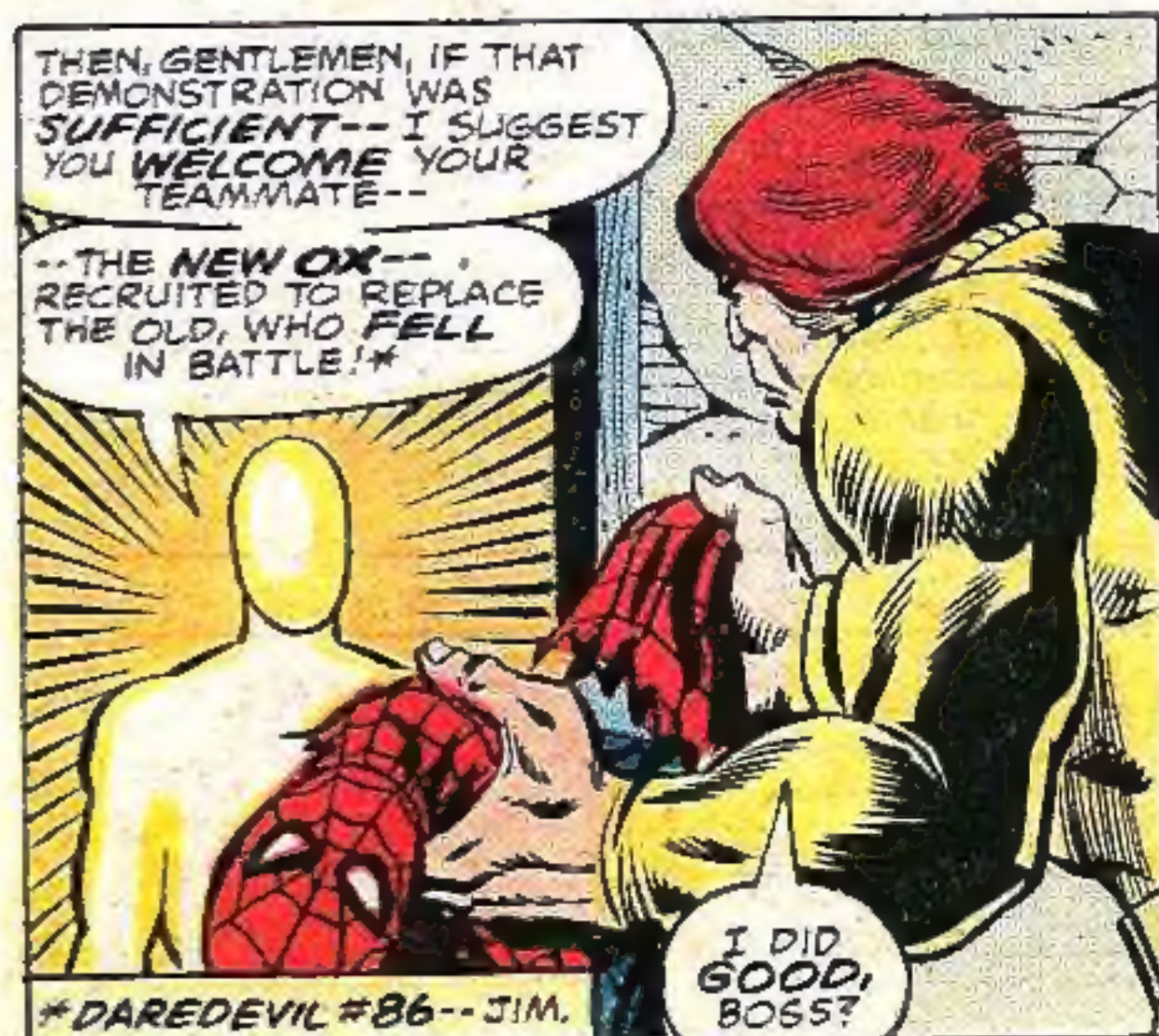


--JUST AS  
SOON AS I  
GET MUH  
HANDS ON  
HIM!



SEE WHAT I  
MEAN?!

HE--HE TORE THE  
PRACTICE DUMMY  
T'PIECES!

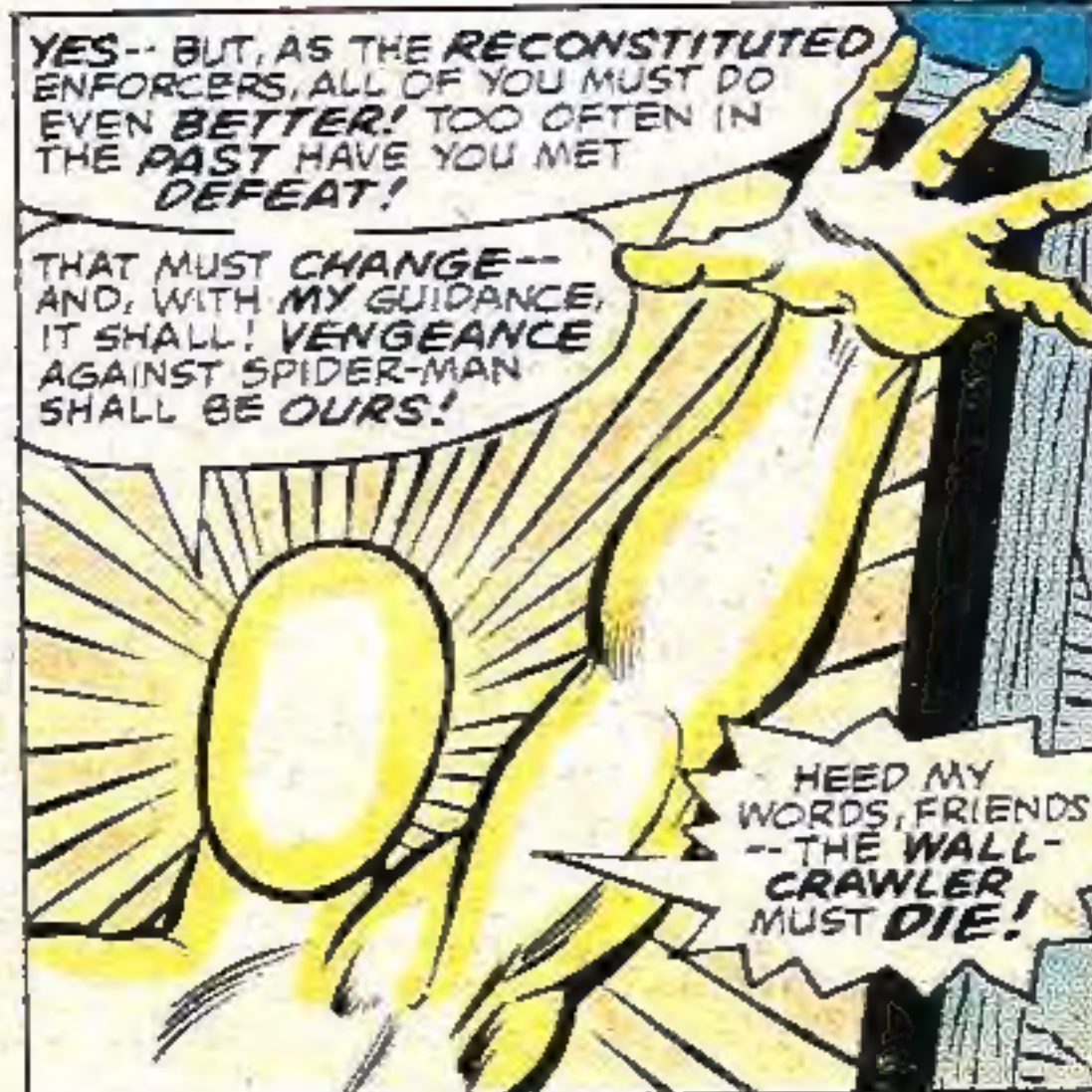


THEN, GENTLEMEN, IF THAT  
DEMONSTRATION WAS  
SUFFICIENT-- I SUGGEST  
YOU WELCOME YOUR  
TEAMMATE--

--THE NEW OX--  
RECRUITED TO REPLACE  
THE OLD, WHO FELL  
IN BATTLE!\*

I DID  
GOOD,  
BOSS?

\*DAREDEVIL #86--JIM.



YES-- BUT, AS THE RECONSTITUTED  
ENFORCERS, ALL OF YOU MUST DO  
EVEN BETTER! TOO OFTEN IN  
THE PAST HAVE YOU MET  
DEFEAT!

THAT MUST CHANGE--  
AND, WITH MY GUIDANCE,  
IT SHALL! VENGEANCE  
AGAINST SPIDER-MAN  
SHALL BE OURS!

HEED MY  
WORDS, FRIENDS  
--THE WALL-  
CRAWLER  
MUST DIE!



THE NEXT DAY DAWNS,  
PLEASANT WITH THE  
PROMISE OF SPRING!

PLEASANT, THAT IS,  
UNLESS ONE'S  
FIRST TASK UPON  
WAKING IS HAVING  
TO VISIT THE  
PUBLISHER'S  
OFFICE OF THE  
NEW YORK DAILY  
BUGLE!



COME IN, MY BOY! SIT  
DOWN-- DON'T BE SHY! YOU'VE  
GOT A BONA FIDE **BONUS**  
COMING TO YOU, MR. PARKER--

--JUST AS SOON AS YOU  
TURN OVER YOUR **PHOTOS**  
OF SPIDER-MAN'S RAMPAGE  
THROUGH LOS ANGELES!\*

\*JONAH'S INTERPRETATION OF  
LAST ISSUE'S EVENTS--JIM.

WE HEARD  
ABOUT SPIDEY'S  
BATTLE WITH  
THE ICEMAN  
FROM OUR L.A.  
STRINGERS,  
PETE!

WE HELD UP PAGE  
ONE-- JUST SO WE  
CAN PRINT YOUR  
PICTURES!



FIGHT?  
PICTURES?

I DON'T  
GET IT!



I SENT  
YOU THOSE  
SHOTS OF THE  
**CHAMPIONS'**  
BUILDING  
THAT YOU  
WANTED--

--AND THEN JET-LAG HIT  
ME, SO I WENT BACK TO MY  
HOTEL AND SLEPT STRAIGHT  
THROUGH UNTIL MY FLIGHT  
THIS MORNING! I DIDN'T  
EVEN KNOW SPIDEY WAS  
OUT THERE ON THE WEST  
COAST!



PHEW! IT'S A  
GOOD THING JONAH  
DOESN'T KNOW THAT  
I REALLY WAS THERE  
-- BUT LOST ALL MY  
PHOTOS!



EASY, JONAH--  
REMEMBER YOUR  
**BLOOD-**  
PRESSURE!



-- WHEN ICEMAN HIT ME  
RIGHT SMACK IN THE BELT-  
CAMERA, WHILE I FOUGHT  
HIM AS SPIDER-MAN!

GOT A  
MOMENT  
TO SIT  
AND CHAT,  
PETE?



UH-- 'FRAID NOT, GLORY, NOT  
UNLESS YOU WANT TO WITNESS  
A HIT-AND-RUN, THAT IS!

OUT,  
PARKER!  
O-U-T!  
OUT!

JONAH  
HITS--  
AND I  
RUN!

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OUTSIDE THE DAILY BUGLE BUILDING, PETER PARKER REALIZES HE'S FACED ONLY THE FIRST OF THE DAY'S DILEMMAS...

JONAH'S UPSET-- BUT NOT HALF AS BAD AS I AM! BLAST IT-- I NEEDED THAT BONUS!

WITH AUNT MAY STILL IN THE HOSPITAL-- EVERY DAY BRINGS MORE BILLS FOR HER MEDICATION!\*

BUS STOP

\*SEE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN FOR FURTHER DETAILS--JIM.

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT I ACCEPTED THE CALIFORNIA ASSIGNMENT WHEN I COULD LEAST AFFORD TO MISS OUT ON MY STUDIES!

FINALS ARE JUST A FEW MONTHS AWAY--

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? I USED TO BE SUCH A HOT-SHOT WHEN IT CAME TO SCHOOL! IT WAS MY SUPER-HERO SIDE THAT TOOK ALL THE HARD SHOTS!

NOW IT SEEMS LIKE THE ONLY THING GOING RIGHT FOR ME IS WEB-SLINGING! WHAT A TWIST!

YOU SURE YOU GOT THAT ADDRESS RIGHT, MONTANA?

SURE AS SHOOTIN' FANCY DAN!

--AND THEN COMES GRADUATION... IF I'M LUCKY! BUT THESE DAYS I NEVER AM!

THUS, OUR UNWITTING ADVERSARIES PASS WITHIN REACH OF EACH OTHER, BUT NEVER KNOW IT, WHILE AT THE WAREHOUSE IN QUEENS...

THE ENFORCERS DO NOT REALIZE THAT THEIR TASK IS MERELY TO FLUSH YOU OUT OF HIDING, SPIDER-MAN--

--AND THAT, ONCE YOU'RE FOUND, THE HONOR OF DESTROYING YOU--

--WILL BE MINE... AND MINE ALONE!



AND, AT THE  
COFFEE  
BEAN CAFE,  
NEAR THE  
EMPIRE  
STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
CAMPUS...

Coffee Bean  
COFFEE SHOP

HEY,  
BIG BOY--  
LOOK WHO  
ELSE IS  
HERE!

HUH? OH, THE SAME TWO LOVE-  
BIRDS YOU ALMOST CONKED  
WITH YOUR FRISBEE IN THE  
PARK YESTERDAY! \*

LAST  
ISH--  
JIM.

YEAH--AND THEY'RE  
STILL AT IT TOO!  
LOOKS LIKE THEY  
HAVEN'T EVEN  
COME UP FOR  
AIR!

IS THAT JEALOUSY  
I HEAR IN THE  
VOICE OF HAPPY-  
GO-LUCKY HOLLY  
GILLIS?

NOT  
ON YOUR LIFE,  
HECTOR AYALA!

WHILE, AT THE LOVEBIRDS' TABLE...

THIS IS ONE ART  
MAJOR WHO HAS NO  
DESIRE TO BE TIED  
DOWN TO ANYONE  
FOR VERY LONG!

¿SI? DO I GET TO TASTE THE  
SODA YOU'RE TREATING ME  
TO-- BEFORE YOU MOVE ON  
TO SOMEONE NEW?

I'LL GIVE YOU A  
FEW SECONDS'  
WARNING! I  
PROMISE!

¡MUCHAS  
GRACIAS,  
AMIGA!

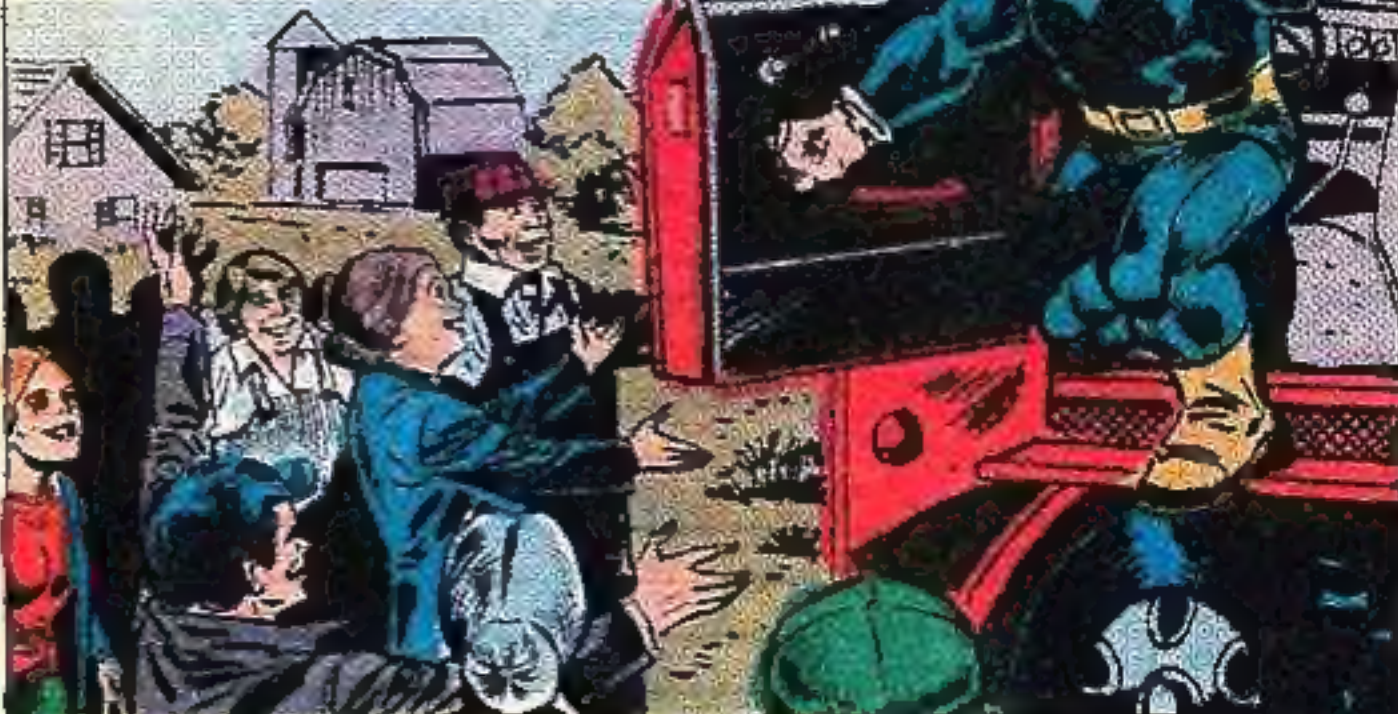
EVERYTHING'S GOING  
SO WELL FOR US, SHA  
SHAN, THAT I JUST  
CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

SINCE FINDING  
EMPLOYMENT IN  
THE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
--AND AN  
APARTMENT-- I,  
TOO, FEEL A SENSE OF  
PEACE, FLASH!

BUT WHAT  
IS THAT  
LETTER?

"IT'S FROM BUFORD-- RAZORBACK!  
HE SAYS HE GOT A HERO'S WELCOME  
WHEN HE RETURNED TO TEXARKANA,  
ARKANSAS! \*

"HE'S GOING TO STAY THERE  
AND PLAY AT BEING A HOME-  
TOWN HERO FOR A WHILE!"



\*AFTER THE EVENTS DEPICTED IN ISSUES #S 12-15 --JIM.

WE OWE HIM SO  
MUCH! I HOPE  
HE WILL BE  
HAPPY-WHATEVER  
HE CHOOSES TO  
DO!

YEAH--AT LEAST  
AS HAPPY AS WE  
ARE! SHA SHAN, I-  
I'LL BE GRADU-  
ATING SOON AND...  
WELL...

YES, FLASH,  
MY LOVE?

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FLASH THOMPSON HAS NO TIME TO FIND THE PROPER WORDS FOR AT THAT VERY MOMENT...







ROUND UP ALL THE CUST-OMERS AN' STAFF IN THE FRONT ROOM!

YEAH, YEAH! LET'S GET ON WID IT!

FLASH!

I'M OKAY, BUT IF THE ENFORCERS ARE BACK, IT'S A SURE BET THAT THEY MUST BE AFTER SPIDEY!



KEE-RECT, PUNK! AN' ALL WE GOTTA DO IS REPORT THAT WE'RE HOLDIN' Y'ALL HOSTAGE--

--AN' THE WEB-SPINNER'LL COME A'RUNNIN'!



OYE! THESE HOMBRES DIDN'T COUNT ON THE WHITE TIGER BEING AMONG THEIR CAPTIVES!

BUT SOON--



HECTOR-- SIT DOWN! YOU SAW WHAT THEY DID TO THAT STUDENT WHO GOT IN THEIR WAY!

LET SPIDER-MAN HANDLE THIS! IT'S HIS JOB TO GET KILLED-- NOT YOURS!

SO YOU DO WANT ME AROUND FOR AWHILE EH, CHICITA?

OKAY! SO I SIT THIS ONE OUT-- UNLESS SPIDER-MAN DOESN'T SHOW!



AND, ONCE MONTANA'S MESSAGE HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESS--AND, FROM THERE, TO THE POLICE...

SERGEANT, WE COULD END THIS WITH ONE GOOD CHARGE!

THIS ISN'T ENTERBEE, MISTER-- IT'S MANHATTAN! THERE'S A HALF-DOZEN COLLEGE KIDS IN THERE!

OUR JOB IS TO CLEAR THE STREETS... AND AWAIT ORDERS!

THUS, WHILE THE MEDIA ACCEDES TO THE ENFORCER'S DEMANDS AND SATURATES THE AIRWAVES WITH THEIR CHALLENGE TO SPIDER-MAN-- FATE, IN THE GUISE OF A DOUBLE-DECKER BUS-- DROPS THE YOUTH IN QUESTION OFF AT THE CURB!



WHAT'S GOING ON, OFFICER?

GANG OF THUGS-- THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE ENFORCERS-- ARE HOLDIN' SOME KIDS HOSTAGE!



IN-- IN THE COFFEE BEAN? WHAT DO THEY WANT??

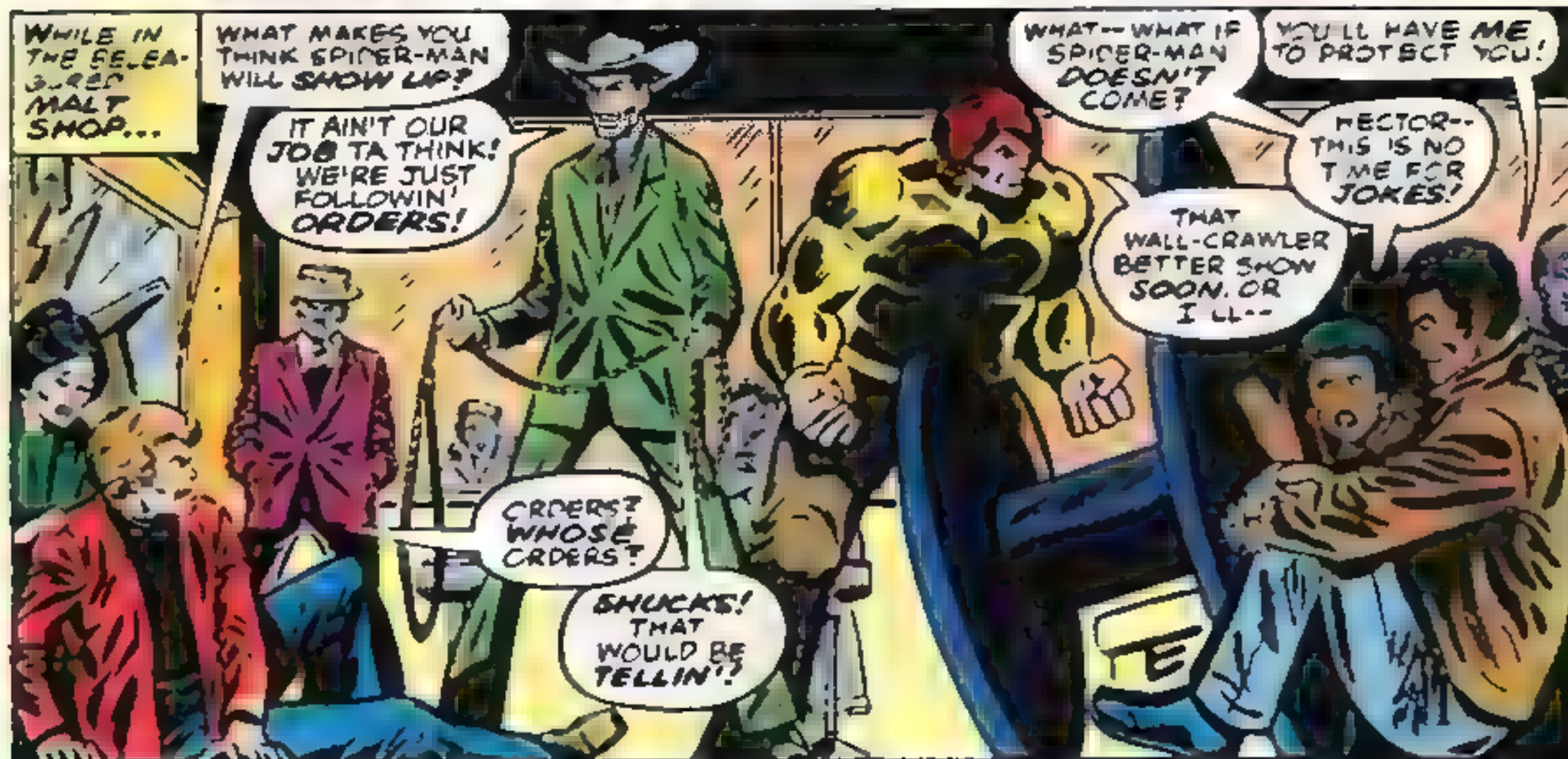
THEY WANT SPIDER-MAN --THE WAY I HEAR IT!



NOW YOU BEST BEAT IT BEFORE IT GETS HOT AROUND--

--HERE...?







**SKRASH!**

OR YOU'LL DO  
WHAT, LUMMOX?  
THROW A  
TANTRUM?!

SPIDER-MAN!  
GET HERE!

WELL, YOU  
INVITED  
ME, DIDN'T  
YO

SKYLIGHT!



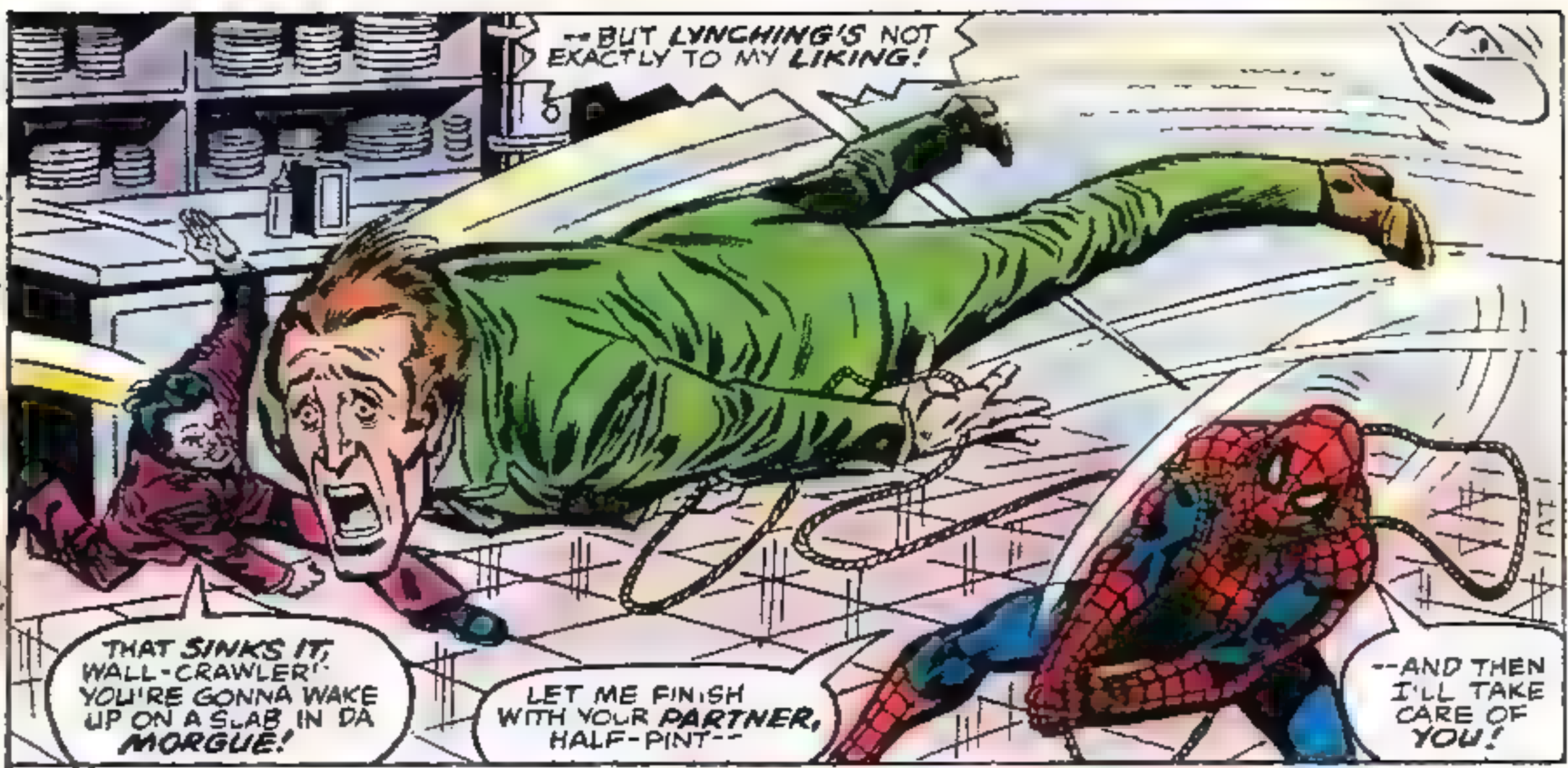












--BUT LYNCHING'S NOT EXACTLY TO MY LIKING!

THAT SINKS IT, WALL-CRAWLER! YOU'RE GONNA WAKE UP ON A SLAB IN DA MORGUE!

LET ME FINISH WITH YOUR PARTNER, HALF-PINT--

--AND THEN I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU!



WHILE, UNOBSERVED BEHIND A TABLE ON THE FLOOR OF THE COFFEE BEAN...

HMM! I DON'T THINK EL TIGRE BLANCO WILL BE NEEDED AFTER ALL....!



**BRACK!**



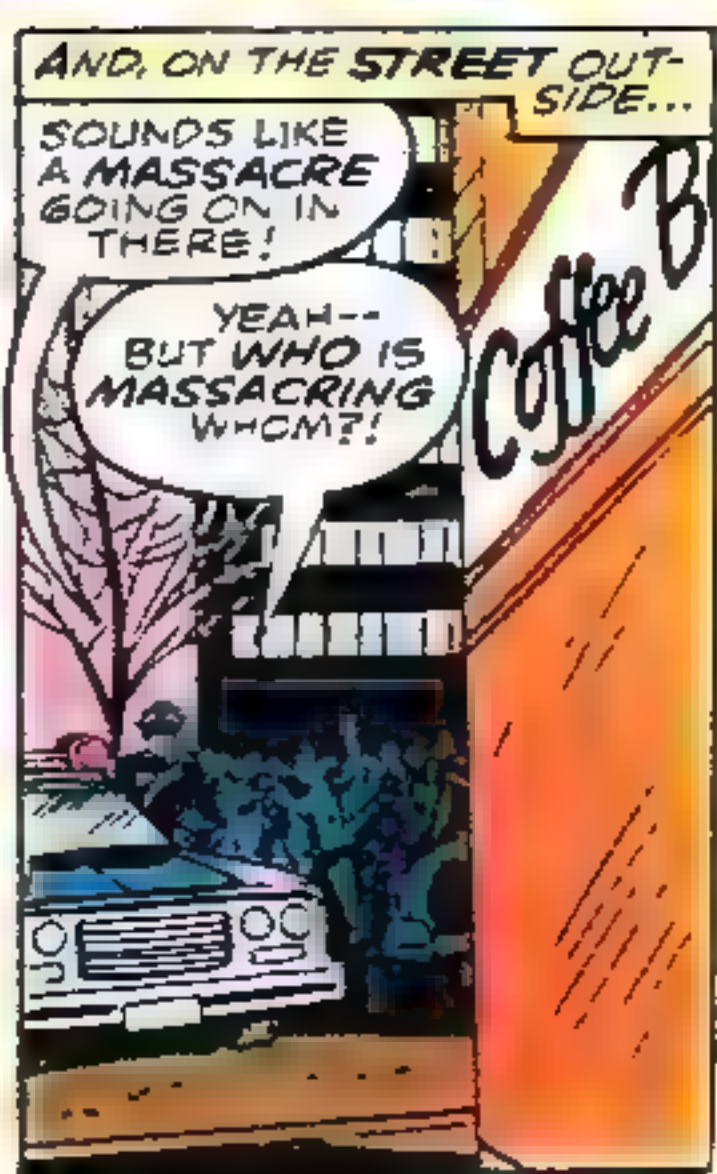
SPIDER-MAN SEEMS TO BE DOING ALL RIGHT ALL BY HIMSELF!



**FWAP!**



IN FACT, HE'S DOING JUST FINE!



AND, ON THE STREET OUTSIDE...

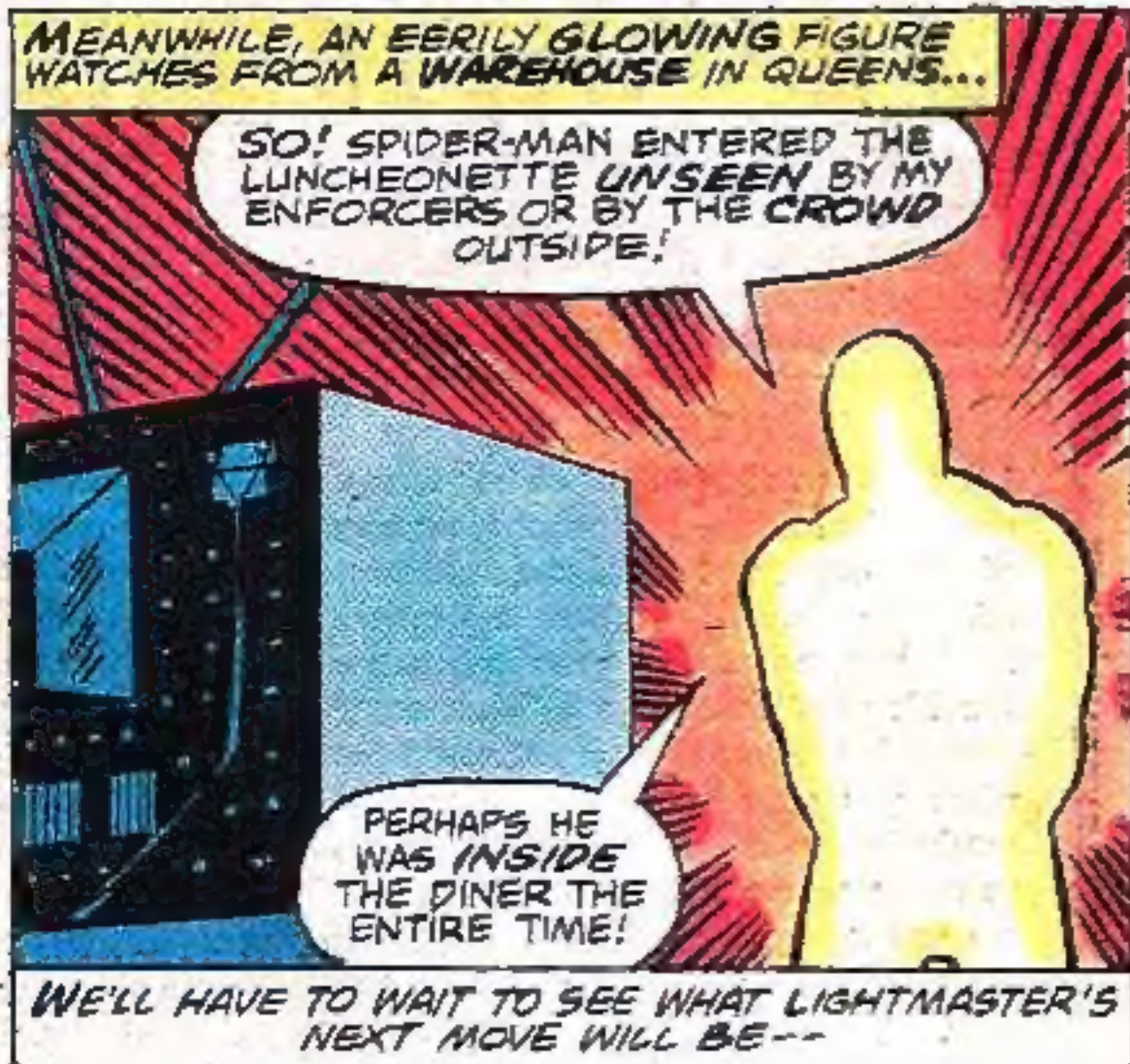
SOUNDS LIKE A MASSACRE GOING ON IN THERE!

YEAH-- BUT WHO IS MASSACRING WHOM?!





--FOR, BACK AT  
THE COFFEE  
BEAN--



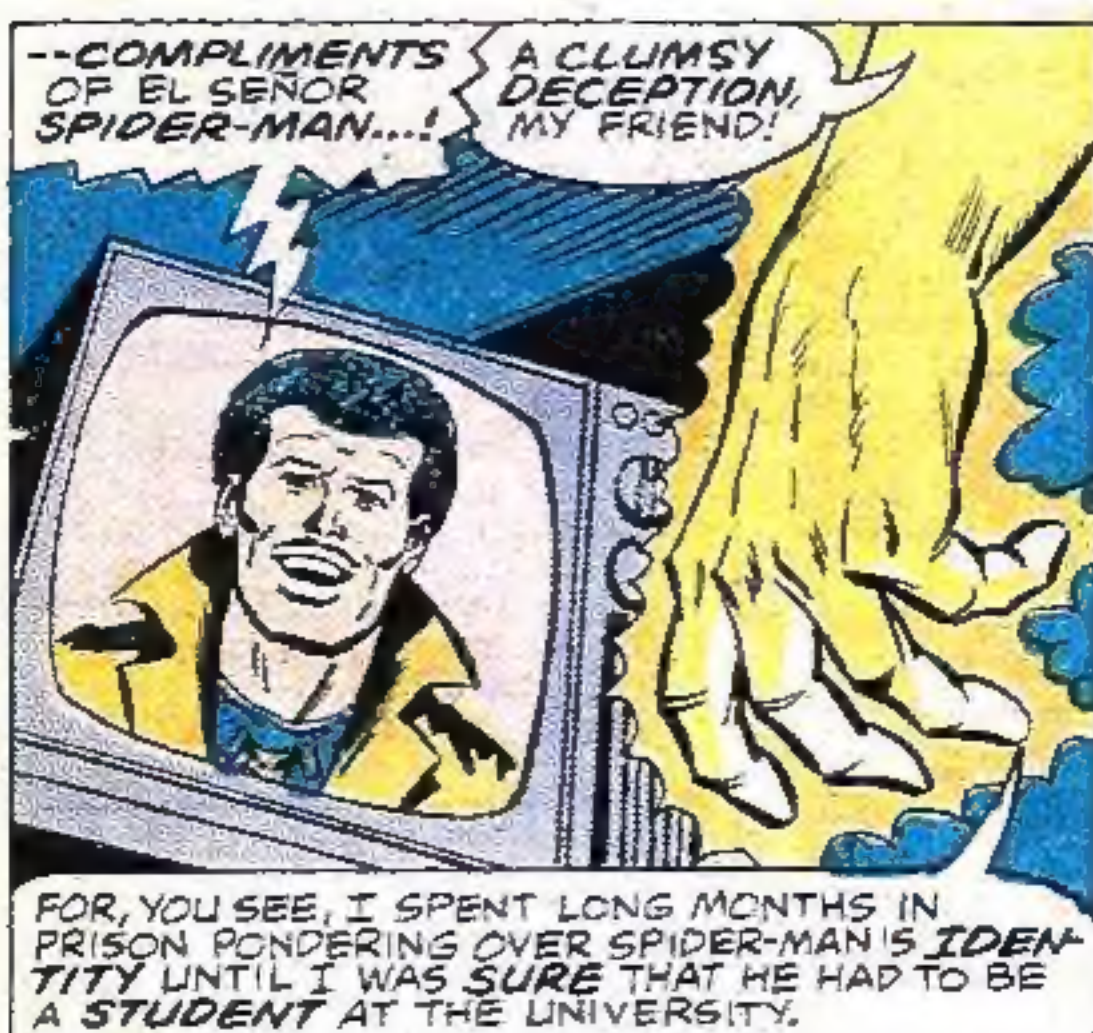
WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT TO SEE WHAT LIGHTMASTER'S  
NEXT MOVE WILL BE--











NEXT ISSUE: A CRISIS OF IDENTITY WITH NEAR-FATAL RESULTS! DON'T MISS...

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE **LIGHTS** WENT OUT?



# SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN

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Dear Archie, Bill, Sal and Ernie,

It may be that Bill Mantlo can script the most powerful stories in all of Marvel-dom. His SUPER-VILLAIN TEAM-UP, the recent IRON MAN series, and now his co-authoring of the 4-part "Legion of Light" storyline in SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN have been among the best tales I've ever read. The conclusion, in PPTSS #15, was perfect. Spidey's feat of holding up that ceiling and the subsequent, welcome clobbering of the Man-Beast, one of Marvel's most hateful villains, was terrific! Likewise that truly Marvel-style ending, with all the elements of joy, pathos, drama and loss intertwined.

Sal and Ernie, also, captured the chaos of the last few pages perfectly. This fantastic HULK team did an excellent job on Spidey and captured the true malevolence of the Man-Beast.

Now, to sound a familiar note: Let's get back to Peter Parker and company. It would help to make constant mention of things like Aunt May's heart attack, or show Peter visiting her in the hospital. By *constant* mention, I mean that every issue of every comic mag starring our wondrous wall-crawler

should interrelate. I know this is the kind of thing you hear often, but it is too important to lose sight of. And, if we readers are supposed to be the real editors, as you've said somewhere or other, then take it from us—we want inter-continuity!

Matt Kaufman  
303 West Pennsylvania  
Urbana, IL 61801

We're working on it, Matt—and we think you'll start to see the results of our efforts with this very issue. Meanwhile, *Make Yours Marvel!*

Dear Marvel,

Personally, I think Razorback is one of the neatest new super-heroes to come along in quite awhile—wish I could say the same for the Hate-Monger! Anyway, I'd like to see more about Razorback's origin somewhere soon.

Eric Saul  
6910 West Prash  
Yakima, WA 98908

Hmm! That's an intriguing thought, Eric. Tell you what, as soon as we can figure one out we'll feature it right here in PPTSS. (But didn't we tell you his origin in SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #12?)

Here's a little item that appeared in a recent edition of *The Wichita Eagle* newspaper. We thought Spidey-philes everywhere would enjoy getting a peek at it!

By JON ROE  
Staff Writer

Who says good doesn't triumph in the end?

Spider-Man is coming back to *The Wichita Eagle* comics pages.

After a week's absence, he'll be spinning, tingling and fretting his way through a world fraught with danger, just as he was until he ran afoul of his constant nemesis — newspaper editors.

You'll recall that Spidey's No. 1 enemy is the irascible J. Jonah Jameson — publisher of the *Daily Bugle* — who doesn't think the Webslinger is legitimate.

WELL, LAST week, it was the editors of *The Eagle*, and they didn't think Spider-Man was widely read.

They were wrong.

All week long, calls and letters have inundated *Eagle* offices from fans screaming for the return of their hero.

Some were scholarly:

"When I read the newspaper, one of the most pleasant moments is spent reading the comic section. I am not ashamed of this, since we all have idiosyncracies. I have also been a fan of Stan Lee for many years and feel that the Spider-Man strip is one of the best penned and most interestingly conceived on the market today. So do me a favor, and put Spider-Man back."

Others were angry:

"What happened to Spider-Man, the one thing my 9-year-old son pays any attention to in your strips? Someone on your staff needs replacing — the comic section doesn't."

STILL OTHERS were direct orders:

"Put Spider-Man back in and take Mary Worth out."

Well, apparently, even editors can learn — J.J. Jameson being the ex-

ception — and *The Eagle* editors learned the hard way. Starting Monday, Spider-Man returns.

But what about the week you missed?

Never fear. Here's a recap of the week's action, while Spidey was out.

You'll remember that Jameson — in his relentless efforts to put Spider-Man away — has hired that uncouth clod, Kraven The Hunter, to stalk him and defeat him once and for all.

Rob Robertson, erstwhile city editor of the *Bugle*, has quit his job in protest and tried vainly to contact Peter Parker (Spidey's alter-ego) to warn him of Jameson's dastardly plan.

BUT PETER — as Spider-Man — can't be reached. He's swinging along the rooftops mooning about Mary Jane, who's down there in Miami with that jerk, Flash Thompson. Still, his Spidey sense keeps tingling, telling him there's danger near.

Oh, and indeed it is, for at that

very moment, Kraven is stalking him from an adjacent rooftop.

"I must trail him — observe him — learn his strengths and weaknesses," Kraven sneers. "Then, when he least expects it — Kraven will strike!"

Still tingling, Spidey swings down to a newsstand, buys a paper and reads the headline that says Kraven has been hired to do him in.

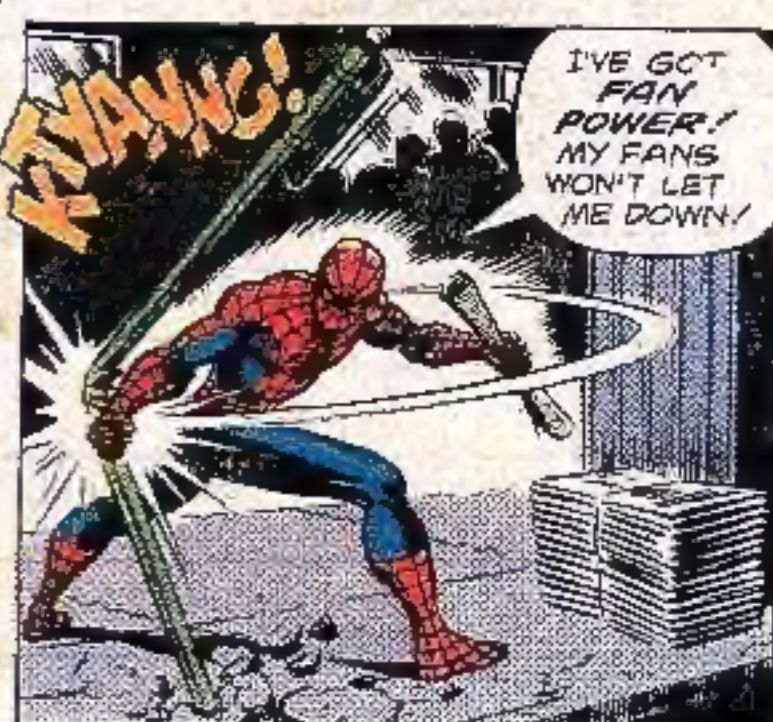
YOU TALK about angry! Spidey tears up a street sign in his wrath and goes swinging toward the *Bugle* building, pledging to Jameson and Kraven, "You're gonna get more than you bargained for."

So the stage is set, the adversaries stalk each other in the concrete jungle.

And, beginning Monday, they have their confrontation.

Who'll win? We can't give that away. But, after having brought a metropolitan newspaper to its knees, Spidey shouldn't have much trouble with Kraven The Hunter.

## the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN.



By Stan Lee and John Romita